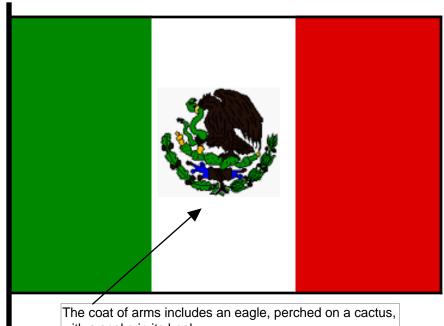
La Bandera de Mexico



with a snake in its beak.

Currency: 1 New Mexican peso (Mex\$) = 100 centavos

The new peso replaced the old peso on Jan.1,

1993. 1 new peso = 1,000 old pesos

Literacy Rate: 88%

Exports: Petroleum, motor vehicles, cotton, coffee,

minerals, engines

Official language: Spanish

(Various Mayan and Nahuatl dialects also spoken)

Major Religion: Roman Catholic

National Sports: Soccer, bullfighting

Estados Unidos Mexicanos

(United Mexican States)

Capital: Mexico City

Area: 761,602 sq miles (Slightly less than three times the

size of Texas)

Population: 95 million

Ethnic Divisions: 60% Mestizo (Spanish/Amerindian mix)

30% Amerindian

9% Caucasian (European ancestry)

1% Other

Important Cities: Mexico City, Puebla, Oaxaca, Mérida,

Guadalajara, Veracruz, Monterrey, Ciudad

Juarez

Geographic Regions:

North: Dry, hot desert-like conditions

West: Sierra Madre Occidental mountain range
East: Sierra Madre Oriental mountain range
Central: High plateau containing Mexico City
South: Mountainous, jungle-like conditions

Southeast: Yucatán Peninsula

Major Rivers: Río Bravo del Norte, Río Colorado, Lerma-

Santiago river system (supplies Mexico City)

Important Figures: Benito Juarez, Father Miguel Hidalgo,

Porfirio Díaz, Diego Rivera, Octavio Paz,

Frida Kalo, Rufino Tamayo

Highest Peak: Volcán Pico de Orizaba (17,100ft)